In the High Court of Punjab and Haryana at Chandigarh

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Criminal W.P. No.668 of 2007

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Date of decision:17.10.2007

Telu

.....Petitioner

v.

State of Haryana and others

.....Respondents

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Present: None for the petitioner.

Mr. Vikas Chaudhary, Assistant Advocate General, Haryana for respondents No.1 to 3.

Mr. Sandeep Kumar, Advocate for respondents No.4 to 6.

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S.S. Saron, J. (Oral)

This criminal writ petition has been filed for issuance of writ in the nature of habeas corpus directing the respondents to release the bonded labourers-detenus, who are the family members of the petitioner and are stated to be illegally detained by respondent No.4 in connivance with respondents No.5 and 6.

Notice of motion was issued in the case on 13.6.2007. In the meanwhile SHO, Police Station Saha, District Ambala (respondent No.3) was directed to hold an inquiry with respect to the allegations as made in the petition and in case the persons as mentioned in para 2 of the petition are found in illegal custody of respondent No.4, the SHO Police Station Saha (respondent No.3) was to get them released forthwith. Besides, report of the SHO was to be submitted.

The inquiry report dated 5.7.2007 has been submitted by Jai Pal, SHO Police Station Saha by way of an affidavit. It is submitted that the matter was inquired into by visiting the spot on 30.6.2007 and statement of all the concerned except Jagmal (respondent No.6), who was not available, were recorded. As per the statements recorded, no case of illegal detention or torturing was made out. The petitioner left the brick kiln on 1.6.2007 after taking Rs.1,000/- as expenses from the owner of the brick kiln. On 19.6.2007, a close relative of the petitioner came to the brick kiln of respondent No.4 and took away the family members with their bags and baggages. It is submitted that no person was found in illegal detention from the inquiry made and information collected.

In the circumstances, nothing survives in the present petition and the same is accordingly dismissed.

October 17, 2007. **(S.S. Saron)**
Judge

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